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ATTEMPT TO VIEW PICTURES AND DISCREETLY LEARN HOW PICTURES  
WERE TAKEN. WILL RELATE PARTICULARS AS WE RECEIVE THEM FROM"

25X1A

EARLIER TODAY WE AIRLIFTED A NUMBER OF TARPS TO WENDOVER  
ON GOONY BIRD. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT ON HAND TO COMPLETELY  
COVER CENTER SECTION. THIS WILL BE DONE BEFORE DAYLIGHT.

25X1A

BELIEVE THIS WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. COL [REDACTED] SUGGESTS  
THAT A GOOD WAY TO RECOVER REMAINING PIECES BACK TO AREA WOULD  
BE TO PLACE A C-124 AT WENDOVER ON SUNDAY AND WE WILL TRUCK  
PARTS TO WENDOVER ON FLATBEDS BORROWED FROM HILL USING OUR  
CLEARED DRIVERS. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE STORING AT HILL OR TRUCKING  
DOWN HIGHWAY [REDACTED] REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ONE.  
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ITEM FORTY-NINE FM COL [REDACTED]

25X1A REF ITEM 45. WE STILL UNABLE CONTACT [REDACTED] AT  
WENDOVER. THEY OUT AT SCENE AGAIN. WILL KEEP TRYING.

I TALKED TO KELLY DURING HIS FUEL STOP HERE PRIOR LAUNCHING  
FOR BURBANK. HE STATES AIRCRAFT IS COMPLETELY BROKEN UP AND  
HE NOT CONCERNED THAT ANYONE VIEWING FROM GROUND OR AIR COULD  
COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS AS TO ITS CONFORMATION. NACELLES  
SEPARATED COMPLETELY FROM WING, NOSE COMPLETELY GAVE FORWARD  
OF WING, VERTICALS OFF AND QUITE FAR REMOVED FROM REMAINDER OF

25X1A AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] JUST LANDED IN CONNIE AND I'LL GET  
HIS OPINION SHORTLY AS TO NEED TO COVER OR DYNAMITE DUE TO  
CONFORMATION OF REMAINING AIRCRAFT. HESITATE TO DYNAMITE.

25X1A THIS WAY DESTROY ANY POSSIBILITY OF FINDING OUT CAUSE OF

ACCIDENT. WILL CALL YOU BACK AFTER TALKING TO [REDACTED] WILL

25X1A KEEP TRYING TO REACH COL [REDACTED] BACK HERE  
NOW, HAS TALKED TO WIFE. THAT SITUATION IN GOOD SHAPE NOW.  
DOCTOR CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE COMPRESSION FRACTURE IN

25X1A BACK. PLANNING X-RAYS IN MORNING AT BURBANK OR NELLIS, DEPENDING  
OR REQUIREMENT FOR [REDACTED] HERE TOMORROW IN INVESTIGATION

25X1A PROCEEDINGS. [REDACTED] OTHERWISE IN FINE SHAPE AND GOOD SPIRITS.

25X1A [REDACTED] ON WAY OVER NOW TO DISCUSS SITUATION REFERENCE PICTURES.

END ITEM FORTY-NINE

25X1A

ITEM FIFTY-ONE FM CO [REDACTED]

25X1A HAVE JUST TALKED TO COL [REDACTED] WILL BE IN

25X1A SALT LAKE CITY IN THREE HOURS TO TALK TO [REDACTED] HE WILL

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EGLIN EARLY MORNING FOR HILL AFB. ARRIVING THERE 0930 HILL TIME. HE WILL PROCEED BY HELICOPTER TO WENDOVER TO TAKE CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION.

END ITEM FORTY-TWO

25X1A

ITEM FORTY-SIX FM LT COL [REDACTED]

AT 1955 LOCAL FROM GEN HUBBARD. GEN HUBBARD A LITTLE UPSET OVER OUR ACTION ON SUBJECT OF PICTURES FOR RELEASE (I.E.) MR KENT OF SALT LAKE, GEN HUBBARD WANTS TO HANDLE THE COMPLETE SITUATION AND CONTROL OF THIS SUBJECT OR HE WANTS TO DROP OUT OF THE PICTURE. 25/0305Z

END ITEM FORTY-SIX

25X1A

ITEM FORTY-SEVEN FM LT COL [REDACTED]

25X1A

REF ITEM 42 AND 43. JUST TALKED TO GEN HUBBARD AND HE

DESIRES THAT [REDACTED] PROCEED TO SALT LAKE AND TALK TO

25X1A

KENT SO AS TO MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT TO GIVE KENT CREDIT FOR A NEWS ITEM. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO TALK TO [REDACTED] ON THIS SUBJECT.

END ITEM FORTY-SEVEN

25X1A

ITEM FORTY-EIGHT FM LT COL [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 44. GEN HUBBARD FEELS THAT KENT SHOULD BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR HIS ACTIONS IN THAT HE DID GET PICTURES AND SINCE HE ISN'T GOING TO RELEASE THEM, HE IS BEING DENIED HIS RIGHTS FOR RELEASE AND A SCOOP OF A NEWS ITEM. MR [REDACTED] CARRYING OSI CREDENTIALS. 25/034Z

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END ITEM FORTY-EIGHT

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WILL BE NECESSARY. IN ANY EVENT TARPS WILL COVER PIECES REMOVED.

25/0109Z

END ITEM THIRTY-THREE 25X1A

ITEM THIRTY-FOUR FM COL [REDACTED] 5/0115Z

JUST MONITORED NEWS BROADCAST FROM LAS VEGAS NEC TV STATION:

QUOTE: JET TRAINER OUT OF NELLIS CRASHED AND BURNED 14 MILES  
SOUTH WENDOVER, UTAH. PILOT EJECTED SAFELY. UNQUOTE. NO  
NAME GIVEN, WILL ADVISE FURTHER PRESS INFOR AS WE HEAR IT. ALSO  
HAVE REQUESTED NELLIS OSE TO MONITOR THIS FOR US.

END ITEM THIRTY-FOUR

ITEM THIRTY-SEVEN FM COL NELSON

FOR MR CUNNINGHAM. GEN HUBBARD JUST CALLED. MR ART KENT  
OF STATION KUTV SALT LAKE CITY HAS PICTURES AND WANTS TO  
RELEASE ON TV. WE DON'T KNOW WHATS ON THEM. REFERRING THIS TO  
COL [REDACTED], BUT HE NOT IN POSITON TO DO MUCH AT WENDOVER.  
PHONE NUMBER OF MR KENT IS 322-2170. PLS ADVISE

END ITEM THIRTY-SEVEN 25X1A

ITEM THIRTY-EIGHT FM COL [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 40. NEGATIVE. GEN HUBBARD NOT AWARE EITHER.

END ITEM THIRTY-EIGHT

ITEM FORTY FM COL [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 41. CONCUR COMPLETELY. HEAVY WEIGHT ACTION  
APPEARS IN ORDER. I WILL CALL GEN HUBBARD AND ADVISE.

END ITEM FORTY

ITEM FORTY-TWO FM CO [REDACTED]

JUST TALKED TO GEN JAY ROBBINS AT EGLIN. HE DEPARTING

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ITEM TWENTY-SIX

REF ITEM 32. JUST TALKED GEN HUBBARD. HE NOT YET PRESSED TO POINT OF RELEASING PILOT NAME, BUT EXPECTS TO SHORTLY. HE AGREES WIFE NOTIFICATION APPROPRIATE. I WILL INSTRUCT WALT TO DO SO, CAUTIONING HER TO ANSWER NO QUERIES FROM ANYONE NOT KNOWN TO HER OTHER THAN TO REFER THEM TO UNDERSECRETARY OF AIR FORCE.

25X1A

SUGGEST [REDACTED] BE BACKSTOPPED, SINCE SHE BRIEFED [REDACTED] TEST PILOT. ADVISE.

25X1A

END ITEM TWENTY-SIX

25X1A

ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN FROM CO [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 33. NEGATIVE NO QUESTIONS.

END ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN

ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT FM COL [REDACTED]

REF 34. MRS [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ADVISED THRU [REDACTED]

25X1A

CORRECTION TO ITEM 28. MRS [REDACTED] WILL BE ADVISED APPROX HALF HOUR THAT IT TAKES FOR WALT TO GET OVER TO HER HOUSE.

25/0043Z

END ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT

ITEM THIRTY-THREE FM COL [REDACTED]

WILL COMPLY WITH ITEM 30 ALSO WE HAVE TRUCKLOAD OF LARGE TARPS READY TO MOVE OUT FOR USE IN COVERING WRECKAGE FOR TRANSPORTATION [REDACTED] LARGE FLATBED BEING FURNISHED BY HILL AFB FOR THIS PURPOSE, ALSO LARGE CAPACITY CRANE BEING SUPPLIED BY HILL. QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER TERRAIN WILL PERMIT CRANE AND FLATBED CLOSE ENOUGH FOR RECOVERY. PERHAPS DISASSEMBLY

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ITEM TWENTY-ONE FROM COL [REDACTED]

25X1A

REF ITEM 26. WE HAVE CALLED MRS [REDACTED] CT THAT [REDACTED]

25X1A

25X1A WILL NOT BE HOME UNTIL SATURDAY, BUT NO EXPLANATION WHY. CALL  
MADE FROM HERE BY [REDACTED] IF INFO IN ITEM 26 TO BE RELEASED  
TO PRESS, SOMEONE NEED TO PASS INFO REF BAILOUT TO HER BEFORE  
25X1A SHE HEARS ON TV OR RADIO. DOES HQS DO THIS OR WE? REMEMBER,  
WE NOT KNOWN TO MRS [REDACTED] ADVISE.

END ITEM TWENTY-ONE

25X1A ITEM TWENTY-TWO FROM COL [REDACTED] 25/0015Z

25X1A REF ITEM 29. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES AS TO WHAT WILL BE  
RELEASED AND WHEN PERHAPS IT BEST TO GO AHEAD AND HAVE WALT TALK  
TO MRS [REDACTED] I JUST TALKED TO WALT AND HE STANDING BY PHONE  
AT HOME. ADVISE.

END ITEM TWENTY-TWO.

25X1A ITEM TWENTY-THREE FROM COL [REDACTED]

25X1A BEEN TRYING TO GET HOLD OF GEN HUBBARD BUT UNABLE TO GET  
HOLD OF HIM DUE TO OTHER TELEPHONE CALLS WILL KEEP TRYING.  
AND DECIDE WHAT TO DO REFERENCE [REDACTED] WIFE AND INFORM YOU.

25X1A END ITEM TWENTY-THREE

ITEM TWENTY-FOUR FROM COL [REDACTED]

REF ITEM 30. EXPECT CALL FM GEN HUBBARD ANY MOMENT. HE  
BUSY ON PHONE WITH HIS HIGHER HQS.  
END ITEM TWENTY-FOUR

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ITEM NINE

AS SOON AS CONNIE LANDS JETSTAR OVER STATION THIS TIME  
ASSUME KELLY ON BOARD.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

25X1A JUST RECEIVED FROM GEN HUBBARD WHO WAS TALKING TO COL

COMDR HILL AFB. PRESS IS AWARE OF ACCIDENT EXACT EXTENT

25X1A NOT KNOWN. COL IN ROUTE SCENE OF ACCIDENT WITH AP TO  
SAFE GUARD.

END ITEM NINE

ITEM TWELVE

25X1A FROM COL

IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL. ONLY COMMENT WAS FROM GEN HUBBARD WHO

25X1A SAID COL ADVISED PRESS AWARE AN ACCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE.

DON'T KNOW IF A REPORTER OR PHOTOGRAPHER HAVE BEEN ON THE  
SCENE IF YOU WISH WE CAN QUERY SALT LAKE STATE POLICE. ADVISE.

END ITEM TWELVE

25X1A ITEM FOURTEEN FROM COL

SALT LAKE PRESS NEWS SERVICES AND DESERT NEWS HAVE CALLED  
STATE POLICE DISPATCH OFFICE IN SALT LAKE. WE DON'T

25X1A MR. CHIEF DISPATCHER HAS REFERRED THEM TO INFORMATION

25X1A SERVICES OFFICER AT HILL AFB. MR SAID HE IS AWARE OF ONE  
PRESS TYPE AT TOWN OF TOOLE, UTAH. WHO WORKS FOR ONE OF PRESS

25X1A SERVICES, HE MAY BE ASKED TO GO TO SCENE. MR  
HIS MEN AT SCENE WILL KEEP AREA SECURE TILL WE ARRIVE.

END ITEM FOURTEEN

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TRANSCRIPTS OF TELECON RELATING TO  
PRESS INQUIRES/RELEASES (INCOMING)

ITEM TWO

AS YOU KNOW CRASH LOCATED, PILOT BAILED OUT, IS OKAY, WITH  
STATE TROOPER - STATE POLICE GUARDING ACFT. O LOCATED FOUR  
MILES WEST HIGHWAY 50, 14 SOUTH OF WENDOVER. CONDITION ACFT  
UNKNOWN. AREA LAUNCHING SECURITY INVESTIGATION TEAM IN GOONEY  
AND CONNIE ASAP TO WENDOVER AIR BASE. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.  
HQ COULD ASSIST WITH POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES IN SALT LAKE -  
WENDOVER AREA.

END ITEM TWO 24/2200Z

ITEM THREE

GEN HUBBARD NOTIFIED, NEEDS GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER HE IS  
TO SAY F-105 LOST, ETC. RECOMMEND LEO G CALL HIM AND GIVE  
INSTRUCTIONS

(NOTE: [REDACTED] ADVISED GEARY - TALKED TO [REDACTED] WHO TOLD  
TO HAVE GEARY CALL HUBBARD & STALL PRESS WITH COMMENTS THAT  
YES TO A CRASH BUT UNCERTAIN OF ACFT TYPES ETC) ZGH  
END

ITEM SEVEN

YES, THE CALL TO HIS WIFE HAS BEEN COVERED. THANKS  
APPRECIATE ANY OTHER IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE THAT WE MIGHT BE  
OVERLOOKING IN THE RUSH.  
END ITEM SEVEN

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